

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MADRID 06677 240901Z

20

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAM-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01

INR-05 L-01 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 RSC-01 PRS-01 SP-02

SS-15 USIA-06 ACDA-05 MC-01 /061 W

----- 103484

R 231727Z OCT 74

FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 284

INFO USMISSION NATO

USCINCEUR FOR POLAD

16TH AF, TORREJON

JUSMG/MAAG, MADRID

COMNAVACTS ROTA SPAIN

AMEMBASSY LISBON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MADRID 6677

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, SP

SUBJECT: BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SPANISH PRESS COMMENT

REF MADRID 6281

1. SEVERAL OCT 22 EDITIONS MADRID DAILIES MENTIONED ARTICLE IN NY TIMES WHICH APPARENTLY ALLUDED TO DESIRE BY WASHINGTON "NOT SIMPLY FOR ECONOMIC EXCHANGE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING MILITARY ADVANTAGES BUT SPANISH-U.S. COOPERATION VIA MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY."

2. IN DISPATCH FROM N.Y. APPEARING IN "ARRIBA", SPANISH CORRESPONDENT FELIX ORTEGA PROVIDES FURTHER COMMENT AND ANALYSIS FOCUSSED ON TIMES ARTICLE, REITERATING RECENT THEME THAT SPAIN OF 1974 IS NOT SPAIN OF 1953, THAT BASES NO LONGER VITAL TO STRATEGY OF WEST, "EXCEPT IN CASE OF ROTA, AND THERE ONLY UNTIL NEW SUBMARINE PROGRAM SUBSTITUTING POSEIDON (SIC) FOR POLARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MADRID 06677 240901Z

GOES INTO EFFECT" (PRESUMABLY INTENDED REFERENCE WAS

TRIDENT).

3. REGARDING DEFENSE TREATY, ORTEGA COMMENTS THAT "MADRID DESIRES TREATY REQUIRING CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT WHICH WILL BE DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AT A TIME WHEN CONGRESS FAVORS AMERICAN MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT IN WORLD. HOWEVER, EQUAL TREATMENT WHICH MADRID IS SEEKING CLOSED THE DOOR TO ANY OTHER ALTERNATIVE. FROM AMERICAN SIDE, THE SITUATION IS DISTINCT. U.S. AT THIS TIME PREFERS, LIKE SPAIN, THAT EVERYTHING NOT CENTER UPON THE BASES, EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE FOR FUTURE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE OF DEFENSE. BUT IN THIS CASE, WASHINGTON DESIRES TO ESTABLISH NARROWER TIES DUE TO THE EXISTENCE IN SPAIN OF POLITICAL EVOLUTION, AND FOR SAKE OF STRENGTH OF THESE TIES THAT, FOUNDED ON SOMETHING MORE THAN BASE RIGHTS, THEY BE CAPABLE OF SURVIVING POTENTIAL CHANGES IN MADRID."

4. ARTICLE CONTINUES "MENTION OF PORTUGAL BY NY DAILY IS KEY TO AFFAIR. WITH EASTERN FLANK OF NATO BROKEN MILITARILY FOR U.S. BY CYPRUS CRISIS... AND WITH SITUATION IN LISBON WHICH HAS NOT HAD TRANQUIL EFFECT ON WASHINGTON, DESPITE REASSURANCES FROM PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES, SPAIN'S STOCK HAS RISEN CONSIDERABLY IN EYES OF AMERICAN NEGOTIATORS. LITERALLY, AND ACCORDING TO JUDGEMENT OF MAJORITY OF OBSERVERS, MADRID HOLDS CLEAR NEGOTIATING ADVANTAGE FOR NOV 4, THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE IN HISTORY OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. FOR FIRST TIME AS WELL, U.S. IS COMING TO NEGOTIATING TABLE IN POSITION OF DISEQUILIBRIUM BY REASON OF EVENTS IN MEDITERRANEAN AND IN SOUTHERN EUROPE."

5. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION ALSO INVITED TO USDAO
IR 6 889 0243 74 DTG 211500Z, SUBJECT BASE NEGOTIATIONS.
RIVERO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, MILITARY BASES, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 23 OCT 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974MADRID06677
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740303-0921
From: MADRID
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741024/aaaaatp.tel
Line Count: 96
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: MADRID 6281
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUN 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <11 MAR 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BASE NEGOTIATIONS: SPANISH PRESS COMMENT
TAGS: PFOR, MARR, SP
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005